



Forster Public School Newsletter



Respect

Safety

Personal Best

Term 4 Week 6

Friday 20 November 2020

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 1** Yr 6 High School Transition Visits
- 8** Presentation Day
- 14** Yr 6 Farewell

School Canteen



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Principal Report – *Mrs Annie Everingham*

Kindy orientations started this week with many of our lovely new Kindies coming into the school. The staff were so excited to finally meet our Kindy students for 2021 in person. Each child was given a 2021 Forster Public School T-shirt. Their Pre-schools were given a pack of uniforms, bag etc. for their children to play with and familiarise themselves ready for 2021. Staff have also been involved in Zoom lessons for the pre-schools to again help them become familiar with our environment, soon to be theirs! We have a lot of practicum teachers working in our school at present completing their relevant practicums. These students have come from various universities and have impressed us with their enthusiasm and commitment to their learning experiences.



Our year 6 students have started their transitions and meetings with their prospective high schools and are full of anticipation and excitement. The high schools have been working closely with our staff to receive relevant information to help the students settle into their new settings in 2021.

We will be sad to see them go but supportive of them starting their high school journey. Plans are underway for their special year 6 farewell. Lots of fun things are being planned and we are

looking forward to giving the students a memorable farewell after a very unusual year.

Staff are working on completing semester 2 reports ready to go home at the end of week 9. This is a lengthy process that each staff member devotes many hours of their time to complete with their supervisor's input and support. If your child has enrolled in our school this term you will receive a modified one page report and a phone call from their teacher to talk to you about their progress and how they have settled into their learning and social groups.

We are busy organising staffing and classes for 2021. This is complex process that takes a great deal of time and input. This is a process that staff take very seriously and give a lot of time to.

We are developing a Nature Play area for the students along the Oval adjacent to Hadley Street. We have mulched the area and are welcoming any donations of large appropriate boulders and large safe tree trunks for students to climb over and support imaginary play. If you have something you think may be suitable can you please call and discuss with Trent Rolfe our General Assistant or myself. Thanks.

Dave Russell, the Police/School Liaison Officer visited our school this week to speak with our Stage 3 students around saying NO to violence in any setting. He will inform them of the consequences for violent acts in the community. He will also speak with Stage 2 students on Monday on the same topic. Dave has been to our school before to speak with students around safety on social media. Photos page 3.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Annie Everingham
Principal

6/11 Tree frogs

have been studying poetic styles and structure this term. These are just a small selection of their amazing writing!

Cinquain Poems

SHADOWS

Copycats, Reflections
Following, Hiding, Sneaking
the scariest enemy, YOURSELF
Replica

DATE

Time, History
Continuous, Moving, Creeping
the present time of our world
Time

PEOPLE

Infinite, Many
Walking, Breathing, Talking
all-around the us, consuming our world
Hur

By Ellery Verdich

Books

Ancient, pages
Ripping, turning, creating
eyes following every page

Novel

By Evie

Eyes

Stalking, aging
Following, explorers, watch
Blissfully following living creatures

Glossy

By Ella

Election of School Leaders for 2021

As you are aware nominating and voting for school leaders for 2021 will take place this term. It will take a slightly different format due to COVID restrictions.

Monday 23 November * Mrs Everingham will have a general chat with all Year 5 students outlining the responsibilities of being on the School Leadership Team. Students return to class and nominate 3 boys and 3 girls.

Friday 27 November * Mrs Everingham will announce the top 24 candidates from the nominations. Children will have the weekend to consider accepting the nomination and writing their one minute speech.

Monday 30 November * Children will need to have their acceptance forms to Mrs Pearson by 9am. At 9:30 the ballot will take place which to determine the order of children on the ballot paper. The children are part of this process. No changes can be made to the ballot paper after this day.

Children need to show their one minute speech to Mrs Everingham or one of the DPs for approval.

Tuesday 1 December * Boys' and girls' speeches will be videoed at school during the day.

Wednesday 2 December * At 9:10 children in Years 3-5 will watch the girls' speeches in their classrooms as they will be uploaded. Voting will take place immediately following speeches, one class at a time in the MPC from 9 – 11.

Thursday 3 December * At 9:10 children in Years 3-5 will watch the boys' speeches in their classrooms. * Voting will take place immediately following speeches, one class at a time in the MPC from 9-11.

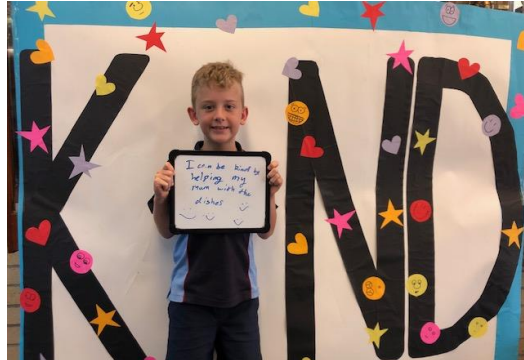
Friday 4 December * Mrs Everingham will announce the 12 leaders for 2021 under the COLA.

Tuesday 8 December * Captains and vice captains will be announced at the Presentation Assembly. The formal presentation of badges and reciting of the pledge will take place early in Term 1, 2021.

Thank you

Carol Pearson

Thank you to the classes who have taken the opportunity to be part of the Kindness PBL lesson this week



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Term 4 Week 6 - Our focus for the coming week's PBL lesson:

Resilience is me! I can "Bounce Back"

**THIS WEEK'S POSITIVE
BEHAVIOUR FOR
LEARNING LESSON
(PBL)**



Learning Intention: Students understand what resilience means and develop a bank of ways they can cope with tough times.

Why is it important? Students need to understand that in life we have good times and not so good times, and that bad times don't last. They need to understand that they have to try and bounce back and use positive talk to move on.

Specific skills to be taught: 1. Safety 2. Respect 3. Personal Best
School Rules for each value – see posters in each classroom.

Success Criteria: Looks like/Sounds like:

- Try to be strong and think the problem through
- Don't react quickly
- Know that bad times don't last
- Use school language
- Ask for help when needed
- Be positive and use positive talk
- Be responsible for yourself
- Participate in a positive way
- Include others in your activities
- Listen to those who are speaking

**Respect
Safety
Personal Best**

We remind ourselves and each other to always meet our three core values of safety, respect and personal best every day. If we do the right things, we may get rewarded with Class Dojos or Hadley awards.

Year 6 families

Tullys Tuncurry News is providing Forster and Tuncurry campus book packs for Year 7 students in 2021:

Full Year 7 pack including scientific calculator, book pack & pencil case pack Tuncurry: \$69.00 Forster Campus \$74.00	Forster Book packs Year 7: \$24 Year 8: \$19 Year 9/10: \$17	Tuncurry Book packs Year 7: \$19 Year 8: \$13 Year 9/10: \$12	Pencil Case Extras Pack: \$25.00	From 1 December: Scientific Calculator : \$25.00 Earphones: \$5
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We are trying to work with Taree Christian College on their lists also, we will be able to provide discounted packs to students attending alternative schools.

Thanks for supporting local business and local families. We appreciate your support.

BUS PASSES

REMINDER: Bus Passes must be carried at all times when travelling on the school bus. Many of the same students each day do not have their bus passes and use multiple excuses for not having them. Please ensure your child has their bus pass each day. If they do not have a bus pass then they must have the money for the journey.



Police/ School Liaison Officer Visit



TERM 4 School Planner

Week/ Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7 November	23	24	25	26	27
Week 8 Nov/December	30	1 Yr 6 High School Transition Day	2	3	4
Week 9 December	7	8 Presentation Day	9	10	11

YEAR 6 FAREWELL INFORMATION

Due to the current circumstances and ongoing COVID restrictions the Year 6 end of year farewell will take place on school grounds, unless circumstances change. The staff would like to make this as special as we can for our Year 6 students to celebrate their last year of Primary school. We are required to follow the COVID Guidelines and will continue to check these as they are updated.

Date: Monday 14 December

Time: TBA

Location: Forster Public School

Dress: Comfortable Smart Casual and age appropriate.

Menu- Individually packaged TBA

Further information and notes home will be given closer to the farewell date.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

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3rd November 2020

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REORDER PHOTOS

Please find below, a list of all the sports/special photographs available.

These can be viewed and ordered online at www.theschoolphotographer.com.au
using the Online Order Code below:

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The photo prices are:
\$18.00 each, 2 for \$34.00, 3 for \$46.00, 4 for \$58.00 or 5 for \$70.00

Any additional photographs are \$10.00 each. This discount is only available per family order.

The photos will be available to view and purchase ONLINE ONLY

Name of Group	Name of Group
School Leaders	School Captains and Vice Captains
SRC	House Captains
School Leaders - No Names	House Captains - No Names

Surfing The Spectrum



We are running a free event in Forster on 21 November. Surfing the Spectrum is a community-based surfing initiative, connecting volunteers to people with autism in an ocean environment, teaching the participants ocean awareness and promoting the benefits of surf therapy. Surfing the Spectrum are free volunteer based surf events for children with Autism and their families. Surf Therapy is a new approach to traditional therapeutic techniques which has been growing world-wide. For children with Autism, surfing provides many benefits. Most significantly it aids in development of sensory integration achieved through exposure to new experiences and sensory stimuli (tactile, auditory, visual, proprioceptive, and vestibular). *This event is for children aged 5-18

The link below heads to the registration page

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/surfing-the-spectrum-forster-tickets>

Hoping some of your families can join us for some respite at the beach!

Is Your Child Coming to Kindergarten in 2021?

**We are now taking enrolments.
Your child must be 5 years of age by 31
July 2021.**

Enrolment packs are available at your local
preschools or can be collected from the front
office.



Kindergarten



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing this letter to inform you of a hard decision I have come to after many lengthy discussions with my family and peers and lengthy consideration of all involved.

As of January 2021, I will be taking long service leave until my retirement at the end of August 2021. These last five weeks will be my last weeks as Principal of Forster Public School.

This is not what I had planned but various personal and professional circumstances have swayed my decision.

I am so proud of what we have achieved at Forster Public School in my 2 and a half years as Principal. I am proud of the strong, committed executive team and the hard working dedicated staff. I am proud of the families that work with us so closely to ensure our students are supported in their learning and their social and emotional growth.

I have loved my time at Forster Public School and feel privileged to have been given the opportunity to lead and support the school through many complex and challenging times along with celebrating the many and varied successes.

I know you will continue to support the executive and staff in providing a quality environment for your child to grow and learn.

It is now time for me to slow down and enjoy time with my husband, our 6 children, our 4 grandchildren, our elderly mothers, our own siblings and this beautiful coastal paradise we now call our home.

We are enjoying being on our way to becoming locals and look forward to crossing your paths over the years and checking on your children and their dreams and growth.

I am working with my Director to put a plan in place for a Relieving Principal over my time on leave. I will keep you posted and informed as decisions are made.

Yours in Education,

Annie Everingham

11 November 2020